



## RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers Filing Date Granted dated January 26, 2001, Applicants request that the application be preliminarily amended as follows:

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#### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the third paragraph (lines 24-26) on page 1 of the specification with the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/209,392, filed June 1, 2000, and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/609,123, filed June 30, 2000, pending, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/169,622, filed December 8, 1999. These patent applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please replace the eleventh paragraph (lines 23-25) on page 12 of the specification with the following paragraph:

Fig. 18A illustrates an exemplary dialog box associated with auditing the operation of the Adware software according to the present invention.

# IN THE SPECIFICATION DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Please delete the fifth paragraph (lines 23-24) on page 48 of the specification.

### **REMARKS**

By the amendments requested herein, Applicants have deleted all references to the omitted figures 18B through 18E from the specification.

Applicants submit herewith substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84, as required by the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers.

Applicants have also added a specific reference to the earlier-filed patent applications for which the present application claims the benefit of priority, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §119(e) and §120

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#### VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

## 1. Amendment to page 1 of the Specification:

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## 2. Amendment to page 12 of the Specification:

Fig. 18A illustrates an exemplary dialog box associated with auditing the operation of the Adware software according to the present invention while Figs. 18B through 18E list useful parameters for auditing the software's performance;

## 3. Amendment to page 48 of the Specification:

Additional details on instrumentation applicable to the exemplary Eudora e-mail elient software is provided in Figs. 18B—18E.

### **CONCLUSION**

In light of the preliminary amendments and substitute drawings submitted herewith, Applicants submit that the application formalities have been met, and that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

Applicants do not believe that any fees are due with this response. If, however, it is determined that fees are owed, please charge any such fees or over payments to Deposit Account No. 17-0026.

Respectfully submitted,

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